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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/030,832; Filed: February 26, 1998
For: **GABA_A Receptor Epsilon Subunits**
Inventors: HANNA *et al.*
Our Ref: 1488.0950001/EKS/KKV

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17) (*in duplicate*);
2. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1) (*in duplicate*);
3. Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
4. An executed Declaration of Ewen F. Kirkness and Michael C. Hanna Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 (in two counterparts) along with Exhibits A & B;
5. An executed Declaration of Ewen F. Kirkness and Michael C. Hanna Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 (in two counterparts); and

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6. Courtesy copies of twelve (12) references AT16, AR17, AS17, AT17, AR18, AS18, AT18, AR19, AS19, AT19, AR20 and AS20 cited on the PTO Form 1449 and first submitted on August 5, 1998 as indicated on the attached copy of the date-stamped postcard receipt;
7. Our check no. **28925** in the amount of **\$870.00** to cover the extension of time fee; and
8. Return receipt postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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